



U.S. CONGRESSMAN SEAN CASTEN IL 06
UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY
2019 NOMINATION APPLICATION PACKET

Members of Congress are authorized by law to nominate candidates who meet the eligibility requirements to four United States Service Academies. In order to be appointed for admission to these United States Service Academies, each applicant must obtain a nomination from an authorized nominating source. These schools are the U.S. Military Academy (USMA), the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA), the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAF), and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA). The U.S. Coast Guard Academy (USCGA), does not require a congressional nomination for appointment. In addition to applying for a nomination from Congressman Casten, applicants must concurrently apply directly to the academies of interest and open an admissions file.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

As of July 1st of the year of admission to an academy:

- Be at least 17 years old, but not have passed the 23rd birthday
- U.S. citizen
- Unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligation to support children or dependents
- Legal resident of Illinois 6th congressional district.

2019 NOMINATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
May 1, 2019	Online Application Period Begins
September 14, 2019	Service Academy Information Day
October 25, 2019	Application Submission Deadline 5PM CST
November 2, 2019	Interview Day for Qualified Applicants
December 31, 2019	Nominations Submitted to Academies
December 31, 2019	Nomination Result Notifications mailed to applicants.

NOMINATION APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To be considered for a nomination by Congressman Casten, each applicant must submit a completed application packet to the West Chicago district office at 2700 International Drive, West Chicago IL 60185 **before 5pm on October 25, 2019**. The packet must contain the following items:

____ **Online Application Form** <https://casten.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations>)

____ **Official High School Transcript:** Please include a copy of your senior class schedule (include college transcript if applicable)

____ **Official SAT/ACT Scores:** Scores must be sent directly to Congressman Casten's West Chicago district office by the testing service. The institution code for SAT is 6605, ACT 7380

____ **Nomination Board Questionnaire**

____ **Three Letters of Recommendation** One letter must be written by a science or math teacher, one letter by a physical education (PE) teacher. The third letter may be written by and additional teacher, coach, employer, clergy, or community leader. Letters should be sealed and submitted with the application packet.

____ **Photograph** 4x6 color photograph with applicant's name written on the back. Photographs will not be returned to the candidate.

INTERVIEWS

Applicants who submit a complete nomination packet on or before 5pm October 25, 2019, will be reviewed by Congressman Casten's Service Academy Review Board. Qualified candidates will be invited to meet Congressman Casten and be interviewed by the board. This highly-qualified, non-partisan board ensures a fair and impartial nomination process.

CONGRESSMAN CASTEN NOMINATION BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE

Legal Name: _____

1. Please indicate your academic status as of October 25, 2019.

_____ High School Senior

_____ Academy Prep School

_____ College

_____ Other

2. For any answer to number 1 other than high school, please list the institution you are attending:

3. Are you a member of the armed forces (ROTC, National Guard, Reserves, Active Duty)?

Yes _____

No _____

4. Have you lived outside the United States? If so, please list the location and dates.

5. Awards/Honors/Scholarships. List three that most exemplify your commitment to excellence.

Award

Year Received

6. Athletic Activities

For High School athletics, please mark “JV” for Junior Varsity or “V” for Varsity in the appropriate space. For club and other non-school athletics, please mark with a number the years you participated.

High School	9	10	11	12	NON-SCHOOL	
Baseball/Softball	—	—	—	—	Baseball/Softball	—
Basketball	—	—	—	—	Basketball	—
Cross Country	—	—	—	—	Cross Country	—
Field Hockey	—	—	—	—	Field Hockey	—
Football	—	—	—	—	Football	—
Golf	—	—	—	—	Golf	—
Gymnastics	—	—	—	—	Gymnastics	—
Lacrosse	—	—	—	—	Lacrosse	—
Rugby	—	—	—	—	Rugby	—
Soccer	—	—	—	—	Soccer	—
Swim/Dive	—	—	—	—	Swim/Dive	—
Tennis	—	—	—	—	Tennis	—
Track/Field	—	—	—	—	Track/Field	—
Volleyball	—	—	—	—	Volleyball	—
Wrestling	—	—	—	—	Wrestling	—
_____	—	—	—	—	_____	—
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7. Clubs and Group Activities Please provide a brief description of your involvement in any of the below activities to include years involved and any leadership positions.

Student Government _____

Band/Orchestra/Choir _____

Theater _____

Debate/Speech _____

Yearbook/Newspaper _____

Language/Science Club _____

Other

8. Community Involvement Please list volunteer or community involvement, including years of participation.

9. Employment Please list your most recent full or part-time employment, including position and length of employment.

10. Answer the following questions in the space provided. Please print or type clearly in black ink. Please limit your response to 300 words.

Question 1: Why do you want to attend a service academy?

Question 2: What qualities do you feel are important in a leader? Describe how these qualities impacted an outcome in either your personal life or a historical event.

Privacy Act Release Form

In the event that the Office of Congressman Sean Casten finds it necessary to make inquiries on your behalf concerning your nomination, it is important that you provide permission for such inquiries to be made.

Please PRINT your name: _____

I hereby authorize the Office of Congressman Sean Casten to make an inquiry on my behalf to obtain all necessary information related to a United States Service Academy nomination.

Signature of Applicant

Date